GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:2
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2002
TERRORIST ATTACKS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of incidents of terrorist attacks on important buildings including the Parliament House that took place in the country during the last six months and till date, incident-wise;

(b) the names of militant organisations involved therein and the number of terrorists arrested in each of these incidents;

(c) the details of loss of lives and property therein and compensation paid to the families of victims in each of these incidents;

(d) whether any intelligence/security lapses have also been detected in these attacks;

(e) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(f) whether Federal Bureau of Investigation has requested to be associated with the investigation of Kolkata terrorists attack;

(g) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(h) the efforts made for the extradition of such criminals involved in these attacks;

(i) the progress in the investigation of each of these incidents; and

(j) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(j): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (j) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.2 FOR ANSWER ON 26TH FEBRUARY,2002

(a) : The details of major terrorist attacks on important buildings in the country during the last six months are given in Annexure I.

(b): As per available information, the main militant/terrorist organizations involved in the terrorist activities are Hizbul-Mujahideen (HUM), LeT, JeM, HUJI etc. During these incidents, sixteen terrorists were killed in exchange of fire while two more involved in the attack on American Centre Kolkatta were killed subsequently in an encounter at Hazaribagh. Nine persons have been arrested in connection with the terrorists attack on Parliament House and the American Centre at Kolkatta.

(c): The details about loss of lives are given in the Annexure I. As regards property, four Governments buildings were damaged in the terrorist incidents which took place in the State of J&K. The amount of Compensation to the families of the victim is determinedand disbursed by the concerned State Government. As regards the incident at Parliament House the extent of compensation paid to the families of the victims is given in Annexure II .

(d) : No such lapses have been detected.

(e) : Does not arise.

(f): No,Sir.

(g): Does not arise .

(h) & (i): These cases are under investigation by various investigating agencies. The question of extradition will arise only after the identification of a person living abroad is firmed up regarding his involvement in these crimes. One accused Aftab Ansari was got deported from U.A.E. on 9th Feb. 2002 in connection with the incident in Kolkatta.

(j) : The State Governments /UT Administrations were advised to review the threat perception and strengthen security arrangements to safeguard and protect vital installations, historical monuments of national importance, important government establishments and major business, commerce and religious centers, VIPs etc. After the terrorist attack on Parliament on 13th Dec.2001, the State/UT Governments were further advised in this regards specially to prepare contingency plans to tackle any emergency that may arise. The security of sensitive and vital installations in the National Capital Territory has also been reviewed and strengthened keeping in view the existing threat perception. The Central Government periodically reviews the security arrangements and all the security agencies both Central and State agencies are regularly sensitized to be on high alert.

ANNEXURE- I

1. Firing at Jammu Railway Station, J&K

On August 7th 2001 some militants resorted to indiscriminate firing on the Army personnel and Civilians at the platform at Jammu Railway Station. In this attack, twelve persons were killed and 34 others sustained injuries. One of the militants was killed in the retaliatory fire by security forces.

2. Attack on SOG Camp, Handwara, J&K

Nine Security personnel belonging to Special Operation Group (SOG) under J&K Police under J&K Policewere killed and 11 others injured in a Fidayeen attack on SOG Camp, Handwara, Kupwara on 17.09.2001. One Fidayeen terrorist was also killed in the exchange of fire.

3. Attack on State Assembly in Srinagar,J&K

In a major assault, terrorists launched a fidayeen attack on the State Assembly in Srinagar on 1.10.2001, killing 39 persons and injuring 60 others. The terrorists initially blew up a car bomb at the gate of the Assembly premises, in which one terrorist was killed. Later on three more terrorists holed up inside the Assembly premises were killed in an encounter with the security forces. The terrorist outfit, JeM claimed the responsibility for the attack.

4. Attack on Air Force Base Station Avantipura, J&K

Four terrorists from Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) wearing Khaki uniform opened indiscriminate fire at the security guards at the entrance gate of Air Force Station, Avantipura (Pulwama) on 22.10.2001 in a bid to enter the campus. The sentries retaliated thereby killing all the four terrorists. One sentry and one civilian were also killed and three security force personnel and one civilian got injured in the exchange of fire with the terrorists.

5. Attack on Army Camp, Anantnag J&K

Four Army Jawans were killed and five others injured when a fidayeen group attacked 36 Rashtriya Rifle Camp at PethDayalgam (Anantnag) on 3rd November, 2001. One LeT terrorist was killed after encounter.

6. Terrorists attack on Parliament House,New Delhi

On 13th December, 2001 five Pak-based terrorists belonging to `Jaish-e-Mohd.` (JeM) outfit entered Parliament HouseComplex in an Ambassador Car bearing a fake MHA car label and a red beacon light on the top. Their car dashed against the pilot car of Vice-President and the terrorists opened fire. All the five terrorists were killed in the encounter that followed between the terrorists and the security forces. Five Delhi Police personnel, one CRPF Lady Constable, two Watch and Ward personnel and a Gardener also lost their lives as a result of the incident. Further investigation by the Delhi Police and the Central Intelligence Agencies led to arrest of four persons including Mohd. Afzal, the main co-ordinator of Jaish-e-Mohd in Delhi.

7. Shoot Out at American Centre, Kolkata, West Bengal

Two motor cycle borne assailants indiscriminately fired on police personnel deployed for security duty at the American Centre, Kolkata on 22nd January, 2002. Four police personnel were killed on the spot and sixteen injured, one of whom later succumbed to injuries. One Aftab Ansari @ Farhan Malik, a mafia don stationed in Dubai,claimed responsibility for the incident . Investigations revealed that LeT/HUJI were responsible for the attack .Later the two suspected assailants Mohd. Idris @ Jahid @ Vakar @ Vajid and Salim were involved in an encounter with security agencies at Hazaribagh on 28.1.2002 and were injured in the shoot out. They disclosed before their death about their Pakistani nationality and involvement in the incident. So far, five persons have been arrested in connection with the incident. A considerable success has been achieved in this case by deportation of Aftab Ahmed Ansari from Dubai.

ANNEXURE-II

DETAILS OF PENSIONARY BENEFITS PAID/PAYABLE TO THE FAMLIES OF POLICE PERSONEL WHO KILLED ON 13.12.2001 AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE.

Sl. NO. & NO	RANK NAME	Liberalised Pension Equal to last pay drawn	DCRG Encas- hment	LEAVE (In Rs.)	G.P.F. Scheme	UTEGIS gratia Paid by SANATAN DHARM Maitri Sangh	DPMW Paid by Rajdhni Pre. of India Sectt.	Ex- gratia Paid by the Vice- Sabha	AMOUNT Paid by Lok	AMOUT Sanctioned	AMOUNT	COMPASSIONATE APPOINTMENT
1.	HC Bijender Singh	PPO No. 37/Sec Person)	Rs.80520 70032-02-006-5	Rs.62176/- paid	2,36,506 paid	Rs.30,000 paid	+ Rs.2 paid	Rs.7.5 paid	Rs.1 11,166 (Saving paid	Rs. Lakhs paid	Rs. lakhs paid	Rs.2 lakh paid	Wife of Late HC asked to apply for her son on attaining the age of 18 yrs.
2.	ASI (Dvr.) Rampal Singh,	PPO No. 70332-02-05-8 No.2869/D	Rs.88350/- paid	Rs.76130/- paid	2,39,945/- paid	Rs.30,000 paid	+ -do-	-do- -do-	-do- -do-	-do- -do-	-do- -do-	-do- -do-	-do-
3.	ASI Nanak Chand,1384/D	PPO No. 70332-02-004-3 Person)	Rs.1,33,300 paid	Rs.66,559/- paid	1,89,693/- paid	Rs.30,000 paid	+ -do-	-do- -do-	-do- -do-	-do- -do-	-do- -do-	-do- -do-	Appointment of son ha approved as Constable (Ex.)

4. HC Ghanshyam, PPO No. J31.02- 349/Sec.	Rs.80,520/- 70332-02-003-6	Rs.36,424/- paid	2,14,654/- paid	Rs.30,000 + paid	-do- 11166 (Saving Person)	-do- paid	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
5. HC Om Prakash, PPO No. 7155/DAP	Rs.1,87,920/- 68447-02-0005-4	Rs.42,688/- paid on 17/01/2002	3,37,280/- paid on 18/01/2002	Rs.30,000 + paid	-do- 12426 (Saving Person)	-do- paid	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	To be discussed at the time of meeting	

NOTE: As per decision of Hon`ble Lok Sabha Speaker, the CRPF lady Constable Kamlesh Kumari and deceased Watch & ward Staff of Praliament security and the Gardener are to receive monetary compensation of Rs.10 lakhs each. Parliament Secretariat will pay the balance amount in case the compensation paid by concerned Department is less than Rs.10 Lakhs.